

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
November 22, 2013

All City offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after to enable our employees to spend time with their families. We truly appreciate all of our employees and the citizens of our City and wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. For the enjoyment of our residents, the Golf Course will be open on Friday with holiday hours.

Dates to Remember:

November 18, 2013	Commission meeting
November 26, 2013	Junior Golf Clinic – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. call 983-1448
November 28 & 29	City offices closed – no garbage pickup on Thanksgiving, but residential garbage will be picked up on Friday
November 29, 2013	Thanksgiving 9-hole Scramble – 3:00 p.m. call 983-1448

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Code Enforcement opened two (2) cases for junk and fire safety and one (1) case was found to be in compliance and closed.
- Pizza Hut is proceeding swiftly with the remodel at 921 West Sugarland Hwy. in the Clewiston Town Center.
- Dunkin Donuts has submitted a preliminary floor plan and is working on their construction plans. They will be remodeling the building located at 100 South Berner Road (formally Sugar Realty).
- Dollar Tree is in the final stages of inside work and is getting ready to permit temporary signage for their Grand Opening, scheduled for some time in January.

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- Greens were sprayed with fertilizer, fungicide and wetting agent.
- Fairways were treated for ants.
- Staff has rearranged the pro shop to create more room
- Received shirts in with our logo embroidered on them. Hopefully we can move some for the holiday season.
- Play has been slow on Mondays, but the rest of the days of the week have picked up.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- The I HELP classes are still full. An additional class will be opened for the English as a second Language in January. The computer classes continue as planned. There is still room for registration for this class.

- Tutoring for math and reading continues at your library. The math sessions are on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The reading classes are on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.
- The **New** Teen Book Club will continue next Thursday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. This club was started by high school students and will be every other Thursday.
- Know anyone that's unemployed, underemployed, or a low income resident who needs to complete their GED? Tell them to contact the library. We will assist the first 30 persons who apply with the fees for doing the exam. But you must hurry!! After December 31, 2013, the whole GED system changes and anyone who has not completed testing will have to retake the whole thing!
- A photo from our I HELP class is below:



Chief Gutshall reports:

- The annual State-wide "Click-it-or-Ticket" campaign is underway. Please remember to buckle up.
- A gathering of friends on South Corona Monday night turned into a name calling argument and then a beating with a metal pipe. One suspect was arrested one victim was treated at the ER. Two other suspects remain at large.
- We have a new Assistant State Attorney for Hendry County. Nicole Mirra stopped in to visit Tuesday afternoon. We look forward to working with Nicole, and wish Hamid the best as he moves on to greater endeavors.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 949** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 511** Complaints Investigated
 - 24** Arrests Made
 - 32** Traffic Citations Issued
 - 66** Merchant Escorts
 - 1** City Ordinance Violation
 - 13** Alarms Responded To
 - 4** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity: Trap counts are as follow: Okeechobee Blvd. – 300, Golf Course – none reported, Sports Complex - none reported, Harlem Community – 200.
- Street Maintenance: Four Oaks in the Saginaw Park were trimmed up and look great, and the form boards for the sidewalk repair on Ventura were pulled today and backfilled.
- Sweetest Town Playground Parking lot: Diaz completed the paving on Monday and will return to stripe it in thirty days.
- Mowing Contract: Bids were opened on Tuesday the 19th at 3:00: p.m. Four contractors participated in the bidding process.
- Golf Course Sign: The new “A-Frame” sign requested by Golf Pro Robbie Rush was delivered and put in service Wednesday. Everyone seems to be pleased with how it turned out and the information it delivers.

Utilities Director Williams reports:

- Congratulations to Billy McDonald on completing 39 years of service to the City of Clewiston as a lineman on the electric crew. We wish Billy many happy years of retirement. Thanks for the memories Billy; you will be missed.



- Christmas decorations should be in place by next week and ready for lighting.
- There is a problem with the wiring for the SCADA system at the McCarthy Substation and we are working on getting it fixed.
- The Water/Sewer crew will begin exercising water valves next week. We are also inspecting grease traps and requesting the last inspection reports from businesses.
- Director Williams is working on getting new security cameras purchased and installed.
- The Water/Sewer crew replaced the lift station pumps at the John Boy Auditorium last week.
- We welcome Max Luevano and Leo Ojeda to the City of Clewiston as groundmen on the Electric Crew. We look forward to working with them.